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REPORTTOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 21 August 1953, military shipments included:
a shipment of 6 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets;
4 closed boxcars; and 16 flatcars with sideracks carrying 15 trucks

from Barby to Fuerstenberg;¹ a shipment of
1 boxcar occupied by troops; and 25 closed boxcars from Hauen to Vogelsang; a
shipment of 1 boxcar occupied by troops, and 4 flatcars with sideracks carrying
trucks from Neustrelitz to Wustermark; and a shipment of 8 boxcars occupied by
troops, 3 closed boxcars, and 31 flatcars with sideracks, carrying 30 trucks
with covered numbers, 3 canvas-covered guns with barrels, about 2 meters long,
and 1 field kitchen, from Jueterbog-Altes Lager to Bernau.²

2. The following troop trains from Doerseritz to Neustrelitz
between 27 August and 1 September:

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C/B - converted boxcar
B - boxcar

F - flatcar
SSy - heavy duty flatcar

Date	Composition of Troop Train
27 August	13 C/B, 2 B, 16 SSy, 5 F
30 "	7 F, 10 C/B, 1 B, 6 SSy
31 "	7 F, carrying 7 trucks
	and 1 jeep; 11 C/B,
	and 1 B, occupied by 150 troops wearing red-bordered
	black epaulets; and 5 SSy carrying T 34/85 tanks
1 September	3 F, 10 C/B, 3 B and 7 SSy, carrying JS tanks
	SU gun, 4 T-34/85 tanks; trucks
	and 150 troops wearing
	red-bordered black epaulets.

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3. Military shipments a train of 64 axles
from Cottbus to Damgarten, on 31 August;⁴ and a train of

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13 boxcars and 11 flatcars from Dallgow to Neustrelitz [redacted]
[redacted] on 1 September. [redacted] 3

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4. [redacted] the following railroad cars had to be made available on 3 September: 1 boxcar and 4 flatcars each in Fuerstenwalde, which went to Riesa and Koenigsbrueck [redacted]; 5
38 boxcars in Muellrose, 13 boxcars in Satzhorn and 8 boxcars in Teltow-West. 50X1-HUM

5. Shipments dispatched for the KVP included two trains each with an undetermined load of 1,000 tons from Treuenbrietzen to Storkow on 1 and 2 September;⁶ three trains each, with an undetermined load of 1,000 tons from Greifswald to Potsdam, Cottbus and Sachsenhausen, the latter train with 62 axles; and a 50-axle train carrying an undetermined load of 750 tons from Greifswald to Sachsenhausen, on 2 September.⁷

6. Troop trains observed at the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station included:

Date in August	Composition of Troop Train	From	To
17	1 train carrying 74 armored scout cars	Brest Litovsk	Frankfurt/Oder 8
19	3 trains, each carrying 12 x 85-mm AA guns, 20 to 25 trucks with covered numbers; troops and officers with dependents	Frankfurt/Oder	Brest-Litovsk 9 50X1-HUM
22	1 train, carrying 12 x 37-mm AA guns, trucks, with covered numbers, and troops	Frankfurt/Oder	Brest Litovsk 9 50X1-HUM

1. [redacted] Comment. Possibly train [redacted] which, [redacted] went from Bary to the Berlin railroad district on 19 August. 50X1-HUM

- [redacted] 50X1-HUM

2. [redacted] Comment. This train [redacted] carried AAA units of the 6th Gds Mecz Div. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

3. [redacted] Comment. These four trains with units of the 1st Mecz Div were repeatedly confirmed. 50X1-HUM

4. [redacted] Comment. These shipments continue the movements to Puetnitz near Dangarten of air force elements from the Welzow airfield near Cottbus. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

5. [redacted] Comment. The trains are fairly definitely believed to have carried equipment. 50X1-HUM

6. [redacted] Comment. Treuenbrietzen and Kuechansee near Storkow are known as posts of engineer battalions of the KVP. Shipments between the two posts have repeatedly been reported. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

7. [redacted] Comment. The trains from the Greifswald district probably carried weapons and equipment and, possibly, also personnel of the TV 4000, which was transferred to KVP units in Potsdam and Granienburg and the TVs 3000 and 6000.

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8. Comment. About 400 armored scout cars and armored personnel carriers have thus been shipped to East Germany after May 1953. The armored scout cars observed were possibly forwarded to the Third Gds Mecz Army.

9. Comment. It appears improbable that the trains should have gone to Brest Litovsk. AAA shipments went from Frankfurt/Oder to Wustrow on 19 August.

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